Expenditure Incurred on TA/DA of Officials

618. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total expenditure incurred on account of TA and DA so far during the year 1987-88 by the General Manager, Telecom. Uttar Pradesh Circle, and the repective heads of accounts on which such expenses were charged;

(b) whether the above expenditure was in excess of what was incurred during the year 1986-87 and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government instructions for effecting cut in travel expenses due to drought and flood situation were followed and if not, what steps were taken against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The total expenditure incurred on account of TA and DA till December, 1987 during the current year 1987-88 in the Uttar Pradesh Telecom. Circle is Rs. 131.87 lakhs. This expenditure was charged in the accounts under "Working Expenses".

(b) Yes, Sir. During the corresponding period of the previous financial year 1986-87, the expenditure was Rs. 78.47 lakhs and during the whole year 1986-87 was Rs. 134.48 lakhs. There was an upward revision of TA and DA rates consequent on the Government's acceptance of the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission. This, coupled with the expansion of Telecom. network necessitating a larger number of tours for the maintenance of the network, resulted in increase in the expenditure on TA and DA.

(c) The Budget allotment for 1987-88 was made taking into account the economy instructions of the Government and the expenditure incurred is within the ceiling. Hence, the question of taking action against any official does not arise.

Commemorative Stamp on Frontier Gandhi

619. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1138 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since issued a commemorative stamp in honour of Frontier Gandhi, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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620. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि "क" और "ख" क्षेत्रों में राजभाषा अधिनियम की पूर्णतः अवहेलना करते हुए, रोमन लिपि के कम्प्यूटरों, टेलेक्स मशीनों और टेलीप्रिंटरों जैसे दर्जनों आधुनिक यंत्रों के आगमन और अबाधित प्रयोग के फलस्वरूप हिन्दी के प्रसार का कार्य वर्षों पीछे पड़ गया है और जहां भी टेलेक्स मशीन लगायी गई हैं वहां से एक भी तार हिन्दी में नहीं भेजा गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि "क" क्षेत्र में अंग्रेजी के टंकण यंत्रों आदि की तुलना में देवनागरी के टंकन यंत्रों, टंककों और आशुलिपिकों की संख्या नहीं के बराबर है जबकि उनकी सख्या 50 : 50 होनी चाहिए थी; और